

Russell August Langelle

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Robert Genzman and Harold Leap interviewed Russell August Langelle at CIA headquarters on May 4, 1978. The interview yielded the following information:

Langelle joined the CIA in September 1950, and worked mainly in SR 9 of the Soviet Russia Division. In November 1955 he resigned from the Agency [on the pretext that he was disgruntled with his assignments. His CIA files would have reflected this termination of employment. The only document to the contrary would have been a memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence Allan Dulles, stating that Langelle would retain all rights and benefits when he returned to the CIA.] (at present this document would probably be in his personnel file.)

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[Approximately fifteen people knew that Langelle was still with the CIA after his resignation in 1955. These included John Mawry (SE), Joe Bulik<sup>03</sup> (SR 9), Quentin Johnson (Chief of Operations), George Kisevalsky, Frank Levy, Ted Polling.]

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[Jack Kindschi, (June Sworbeck),  
(Ed Galloway), Leonard McCoy  
(Reports and Requirements), Pierre  
de Silva (COS), and someone at  
the State Department's Office of  
Security]

At the time of his resignation,  
Langelle applied for employment  
with the State Department. In  
the interim he worked at the  
Hecht Company. In March 1956  
he started to work at the  
State Department as a Security  
Officer. In September 1956 he  
was sent to Vienna, where he  
earned a reputation for being

a strict Security Officer at the  
Embassy. [He was deliberately tough  
on CIA personnel who breached  
security, in order to build his

32 [cover as a non-CIA foreign  
service officer. His salary was  
paid by the State Department.]

27 [The CIA Chief of Station in Vienna  
and the Ambassador knew he  
was with the CIA.] 11112575

Langelle served as the Security  
Officer at the Moscow Embassy  
from December 1957 to September  
1959. [In addition, he was the  
senior CIA officer there. The  
CIA contingent in Moscow  
consisted of [redacted] officers]

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George  
P. Winters (Econ<sup>33</sup> Officer), FNU  
03 (Mahoney), FNU (Denables) and Steve<sup>03</sup>  
Washenko (Econ<sup>32</sup> or Agric<sup>32</sup> Officer).  
Jean Leberman [redacted]

[redacted] who handled  
orientation projects rather than  
operations projects.

[Langelle handled CIA  
communications in Moscow. The  
CIA [redacted]

[redacted] but  
could [redacted] by means of  
[redacted] so that

the message was secret until  
it was forwarded to CIA head-  
quarters, where it was [redacted]

In 1959 the Soviets declared  
Langelle persona non grata as  
a result of his involvement with  
P. S. Popov. [Langelle was the  
case officer of] Popov, who worked  
for the GRU, Soviet military  
intelligence. [While making a  
contact with Popov] Langelle  
was detained by the KGB  
and was questioned for two  
and a half hours. The KGB  
attempted to recruit him, and  
then released him. The State

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Department filed a formal protest, but Langelle was told to leave the Soviet Union within three days. He left the Soviet Union in early October 1959.

Langelle first became aware of Lee Harvey Oswald when he heard in a conversation that a Marine had contacted the American consular office in Moscow to renounce his citizenship. He later heard that this individual had changed his mind and was returning to the United States. He does not recall the details of these conversations, but he believes they took place in the United States.

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Langelle characterized Oswald's defection as a consular case to be handled by consular officers, rather than an intelligence case involving intelligence officers, [who were short-handed in Moscow at that time. He stated that the few intelligence officers in Moscow at that time were involved in specific operations, and did not perform general intelligence functions. He also stated that intelligence officers at the Embassy did not use the [redacted] for intelligence purposes, and "that there were]

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[redacted] in the consular section.]

Langelle stated that the military intelligence people at the Embassy probably would have been contacted about Oswald's defection. The military intelligence personnel included [Leo Dulacki (Marines), Paul Adams (Navy), John Munson (Navy), and Ted Hoffman (Army)]. He did not know whether Alexis Davison (Navy) was an intelligence officer or whether Davison was involved in the Penkovsky case.]

Langelle stated that when Oswald left the Soviet Union, he was the responsibility of the State Department, the Immigration and Naturalization Service, and the FBI.

When Langelle left ~~the~~ ~~Embassy~~ <sup>11112578</sup> Moscow in 1959, [Winters was the senior CIA officer there. 03 (Mahoney) and Leberman were still there, and Washenko<sup>03</sup> may still have been there.] Langelle's replacement as Embassy Security Officer was John Abidian [who was not with the CIA. Abidian was later replaced by Hugh Montgomery, who was Winters's successor as senior CIA officer.]

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[Montgomery was later replaced by Paul Garbler, who became the first officially designated Chief of Station in Moscow. Other CIA officers in Moscow circa 1962 included (Rodney Carlson), Bill Horvath, and possibly John D. Hemenway.]

At Headquarters the chief of the Soviet Russia Division was John Mawry, followed by Howard Osborne and then David E. Murphy.

With regard to American journalists in Moscow, Langelie had no contacts with R. G. Korengold, or Aline Mosby, did not know A. I. Goldberg, and was contacted by Priscilla Johnson for an interview after he was declared persona non grata.

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When Langelie returned to the United States, he continued working for the State Department. He resumed [his] CIA duties on a part-time basis in 1961. [He dealt with communications between Washington and Moscow.] In September 1961 he resumed [his] CIA duties on a full-time basis at Headquarters. He worked mainly in the Soviet Russia Division, External Operations, Africa and Europe. At present he is still with the CIA and still paid by [redacted] but he plans to retire soon.

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Langelle

Langelle was born on October 7, 1922.  
His social security number is [495-18-8800]  
He is married, with three children. 30

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~~Langelle~~

He joined the CIA in September, 1950, and worked mainly in <sup>SR9</sup> the Soviet Russian Division. In November 1955 he resigned from the Agency on the pretext that he was disgruntled with his assignments. His CIA file ~~would have~~ <sup>would</sup> have reflected ~~this~~ <sup>his</sup> termination of employment. The only document to the contrary would have been a memorandum from the Director of Central Intelligence Allan Dulles, stating that ~~Langelle~~ <sup>Langelle</sup> would retain all rights and benefits when he returned to the CIA. <sup>(This document at present is in this document)</sup> Approximately fifteen people knew that he was still with the CIA after his resignation in 1955. These included John Maury (SE), <sup>03</sup> Joe Bulik (SR9), Quentin Johnson (Chief of Operations), George Kisevalper (sp), Frank Levy, Ted Polling, Jack Windachi, <sup>03</sup> June Sworbeck, <sup>03</sup> Ed Falloway, Leonard McCoy (Reports and Requirements), <sup>03</sup> Pierre de Silva (COS), and ~~someone~~ <sup>someone</sup> at the State Department's Office of Security. SECRET 11112500

~~Langelle~~ <sup>Langelle</sup> At the time of his resignation ~~Langelle~~ <sup>Langelle</sup> applied for employment with the State Department.

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← [Langelle handled CIA communications  
in Moscow. The CIA [redacted]

But [redacted] could [redacted] by means  
of [redacted] so that the  
message was secret until it was  
forwarded to CIA Headquarters for  
[redacted]

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[deliberately tough on CIA personnel for security breaches in order to ~~build~~ build his cover as a non-CIA foreign service officer. His salary was paid by the State Department.] ~~SECRET~~

In the interim he worked at the Wecht Company. In March 1956 he ~~began~~ started to work at the State Department as a Security Officer. ~~His salary was paid by the State Department.~~ He was sent to Vienna in September 1956. In September 1956 he was sent to Vienna, where he ~~developed~~ <sup>earned</sup> the reputation for being a strict Security Officer. [He CIA Chief of Station] ~~and the~~ (in Vienna) and the Ambassador knew <sup>10</sup> he was with the CIA. He served as the Security Officer at the Moscow Embassy from December 1957 to September 1959.

[In addition, he was the senior CIA officer there, with CIA officers working and approximately

~~George V. Winters~~  
03 (Mahoney), (Venables), <sup>03</sup> and 03.32 [Steve Vashenko (Econ. or Agric. Officer)].  
Jean Lieberman

handled orientation projects rather than operations projects.]

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In 1959 ~~the~~ the Soviets declared L'Angeli persona non grata as a result of ~~his~~ his involvement with P.S. Popov.

[L'Angeli was the case officer for Popov, who worked for the ~~Soviet~~ GRU,

Soviet military intelligence. L'Angeli ~~had been contacting~~ While

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~~after~~ [making a contact with Popov] Langelle was detained by the KGB and was questioned for two and a half hours. The KGB attempted to recruit him, <sup>and</sup> then released him, ~~and~~. The State Department filed a formal protest, but Langelle was forced to leave the Soviet Union within three days.

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the consular section.]

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When Langelle left Moscow in 1959, [Winters was the senior CIA officer there. (Mahoney)<sup>03</sup> and Seberman were still there, and (Waschenko) may still have been there.] Langelle's<sup>03</sup> replacement as Embassy Security Officer was John Abidian [who was not with the CIA. Abidian was later replaced by Hugh Montgomery, who <sup>replaced Winters as the successor</sup> ~~became the senior~~ senior CIA officer. Montgomery was later replaced by Paul Berbler, who became the first officially designated Chief of Station in Moscow. Other CIA officers in Moscow circa 1962 included <sup>03</sup> (Rodney Carlson) Bill Warbley, and possibly (John D. Hemingway).]

~~Military intelligence personnel in Moscow included [Paul Adams (Naval) Attache (Navy), Ted Hoffman (Army)]~~

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CIA Sept 50 SR Div. (SR9) Language, operational + mil.  
experience, reliab., stabil.  
word-disgruntled

Nov 55 Resigned from agency - Sec. Off.

inter in  
job at  
Hecht Co

[memo from director  
all rights + benefits  
when returns  
(Dulles)]

Vienna [24  
COS Kendler (Dulles  
status + amb. only)]  
Moscow - Dec 57

started  
State  
Mar 56

15 knew  
(SR 9 - internal ops  
mos. component  
+ couple of  
officers in  
Division)

[people all buried]  
not a station

Vienna  
Sept. 56

[first COS Paul Garbler]

SE John Nauzy

SR? (Joe Bulick) 03

Ch. of Ops Quentin Johnson

George ~~W. S. Feller~~ (sp.) Kisebatter

~~Frank Kinsky~~

Frank Levy

Ted Polling

Jack Kinschen

(June Sworback) 03

(Ed Salloway) 03

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Reports + Requirements

Leonard Mc Coy

[COS Pierre de Silve]

DOS - Office of Security

[+ ~~Stepha~~ not aware]

Moscow

officers

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~~George P. Winters~~

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George P.

→ Winters, [Mahoney]<sup>03</sup> [Venables]<sup>03</sup>

[Steve Washenko (Econ. Officer)]<sup>03, 32</sup>

- [Alan Seberman] <sup>24</sup>

- orientation

rather than operations]

left in 59

John Abidjan (State Sec. Officer)

took over State  
responsibilities]

Abidjan  
replaced  
by Hugh  
Montgomery

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[CIA George P. Winters<sup>32</sup>

Senior  
Officer]

[Washenko] - maybe still there

[Mahoney]<sup>03</sup> & Seberman

PNG [agency operation

~~turned~~

penetration on GRtl-mil. intell.

Pytor 5 Popov agent

1A was case off.

case compromised

got approval from Thrush.

to kidnap - as stepped  
off a bus]

tried to recruit

released after 2 1/2 hrs.

said they would get in touch

State protested

PNG

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Back to US - worked for State Jan 60

handled State Dept duties

[+ agency functions]

[Resumed] CIA parttime '61, Sept. '61 HQ at full time basis.

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~~LaAngeli~~

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(Penkovsky)

cut-out-Brit. wife

SR9 Sept. 61 - 62

[moved back] to CIA

on full-time basis Sept. 61

(Dec. 58 - Sept. 59)

[<sup>03</sup>Malone] GSA officer

[Communicat. - Mos. to HQ]

SR9 Jack Maury

[Winters remained]

<HO,

in conversation a consular officer said Malone  
renounced citizenship

walk-ins

consular off. would bring it to your attention

[George Wieswalper] in Berlin, handled [Porov] while  
in E. Berlin + Vienna.

[ - handled Penkovsky  
- maybe Rosenko ]


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~~L'Angelis~~

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[no: ] in consular section

mil. intell. Paul Adams Nav.

Ted Hoffman Arm

~~Murphy~~  
 Munsden Nav.

Dulacki Mar.]

would have been contacted



Korenfeld - no contacts

Johnson - asked for interview after his PNG

Mosby - no contacts

Goldberg - didn't know

[Davison - doesn't know if agency  
 not involved in Pent. to his knowledge]

 personnel could not be used for intel. without  
 prior approval 

Provocations

[Harmstone]

~~Red~~

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Naval aviator

Atsugi - 53-55

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L. Angeli

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[Hugh Montgomery (senior)

(John D. Hemingway)<sup>03</sup> (?)

Paul Garbler (COS; replaced Montgomery)

(Rodney Carlson)<sup>03</sup>

Bill Garbler]

No common source register with mel. + Moscow

63 - SR, Chief of External Ops.

~~Africa~~ Africa + Eur.

[Redacted]

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[Redacted] Moscow  
[G 513 - Moscow]

David E. Murphy - Chief of SR Div. @ 64-65

COS [in Berlin during  
Popov operation while  
L'A in Moscow]

then Mawry

followed by Howard Osborne

" " Murphy

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He believed that the military intelligence people at the Embassy would have been contacted about Oswald's defection.

The military intelligence personnel included ~~Paul Hoffman~~ <sup>Paul Adams</sup> (Navy),

Dulacki (Marines), Paul

Adams (Navy),

Munson

(Navy) and Ted Hoffman (Army).

Langelle did not know <sup>whether</sup> Alexis Davison (Navy) ~~was an intelligence officer or whether he was involved in the Penkovsky case or whether~~ <sup>Davison</sup>

With regard to American journalists in Moscow, Langelle ~~to~~ had no contacts with R. G. Korengold or Aline Mosby, did not know A. I. Goldberg, and was contacted by Priscilla Johnson ~~after his~~ <sup>expulsion</sup> for an interview after he was declared persona non grata.

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res. 61 [Eugene Winters] 03 (Mahoney) - Rt. 1 [Barbeling 08  
30-61 - 11-64 Parbler - Vienna [Spring 1503] 22180  
Osborne-McLean  
17 Feb 62 - 20 Apr 63 Montgomery - [

[356-4650]  
[first COS]

26 June 62 - 14 Dec 62 [Rodney Carlson] 03

11 Jul 63, 31 Aug 65 [Edward Gotchell] 03 HQ  
annual leave til May 22  
11 Jan 63, 18 Jan 64 [Jerry Presh] HQ 2 p.m.  
May 12

C/SR John Maury  
1 Dec 54 - 29 Jul 62 3704 Farr Ave,  
Fairfax

Howard J. Osborne  
30 Jul 62 15 Sept 63 Atty. John Debalus  
948-6727

David C. Murphy  
16 Sept 63 - 10 Mar 68 1537 Forest  
Villa Lane, McLean  
356-9523

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